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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.16
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICIAL ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final official action dated July 12, 2006, please consider the remarks set forth herein, beginning at page 2 of this paper.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.121(c), a complete listing of the existing claims is not required (or presented herein) because no changes are being made to the claims, no claims are being canceled, and no claims are being added.